MYSTICAL BABYLON UNVAILED.

Wherein is Proved,

I. That *Rome*-Papal is mystical-Babylon.
II. That the Pope of *Rome* is the Beast.
III. That the Church of *Rome* is the great Whore.
IV. That the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet.

ALSO A

CALL

To all the

People of God

To come out of

BABYLON.

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Isa. 57. 14. *Take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my People.*
Rev. 18. 6. *Reward her even as she Rewarded you.*

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An Epiſtle to the Reader.

Ingenuous Reader,

IT is an *Aſtoniſhment beyond the ordinary Comprehenſions of Nature, Reaſon, and Religion, that the Papiſts* (eſpecially the Prieſts and Jeſuits of the Church of *Rome*,) *ſo odious in their bloody Tenents, ſo prodigious in their Helliſh Plots, ſuch inexorable Incendiaries, and furious Aſſaſſins for murdering of Princes, ſhould be ſuffered to increaſe, and indulged to multiply in a Proteſtant Nation, as of late years they have done in this Kingdom. Aſſuredly it could never have been ſo, but that the Lord in his juſt* Indignation *againſt us for our* God-provoking *Sins of Atheiſm, Idolatry, Profaneneſs, Adultery, and other heinous wickedneſs, intends* (and ſuffers us to ripen, and be prepared for ſome) *dreadful Judgment, which God may juſtly bring upon this Land and Nation by the hand of the Papiſts, if we Repent not of thoſe Abominations, and do not reform them*

them. It is more *than Manifest by* woful *Experience, that the* main *End of the Papists in all their Plots and Conspiracies is the* utter *Destruction of the Protestants (whom they call* Hereticks) *and the* Protestant-*Religion in* England especially, *and the* Re-establishment *of the* Popish-*Religion of the Church of* Rome *in this Kingdom; which End the Popish-Recusants in* England (in this Bloody and Traiterous design, that Damnable and Hellish Plot contrived and carried on by them for Assassinating and Murdering the King, Subverting the Government, and for Rooting out and Destroying the Protestant-Religion, as the King and Parliament have voted and declared) *are still endeavouring to effect, and bring to pass. The concurrent* [illegible] *our* grand *and greatest Enemies in the World durst not entertain a* Thought *of* Invasion, *did they not Hope,* (when Time serves) *to find amongst us a* Side *and* Faction *of numerous and* Seditious *Papists to joyn with them. Were we rid of the Papists, and were Idolatry, Atheism, Whoredom and Blasphemy put away, as in Policy, Reason, and Religion these ought to be, The* Royal *Person of the King would be safe from Assassination, and the Government secure from Subversion. And the* Protestants, *and Protestant-Religion free from utter Destruction, by the blessed Protection of Almighty God. Conformity unto all* Oaths, Tests, *and outward formal* Satisfactions *of State, concurring with a full*

Mystical-Babylon Unvailed.

The Method that I have chosen to Unvail *Mystical-Babylon*, is, by proving these *four* Propositions, *viz.*

1. *That Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon.*
2. *That the Pope of* Rome *is the Beast.*
3. *That the Church of* Rome *is the great Whore.*
4. *That the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet.*

Proposition I.

That Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon.

EAstern *Babylon* of *Nebuchadnezzar* in *Chaldæa*, was a famous City, Called the *Lady* of Kingdoms (*a*) and the *glory* of Kingdoms (*b*) under whose Kings the People of God were Captivated and oppressed violently (*c*). For which violence done to *Zion*, and other God-provoking Sins, that great City and Kingdom was destroyed by *Cyrus* King of *Persia*, (*d*) whom God raised up to execute his righteous Judgments upon them for their Iniquities, for before

(a) Isa. 47. 1, 5.
(b) Isa. 13. 19.
(c) 2 Chron. 36. 14. — 20. and Jer. 51. 34, 35.
(d) Isa. 45. 1-4 and 47. 1—9.

Saint *John*'s time. Therefore *Mysterie*, *Babylon* the great, (so Named, *Revel.* 17. 5.) is some other great City, which doth resemble *Old-Babylon* for Idolatry, *Jerem.* 5. 47. Persecution, *Lam.* 5. 1. 5. Violence, *Jerem.* 51. 25. Oppression, *Jerem.* 50. 33. *Isa.* 14. 4. and Pride, *Isa.* 47. 1, 5, 7. *And thou saidst, I shall be a Lady for ever,——I am, and none else besides me.* And so doth *Mystical-Babylon* say in her Heart, *Revel.* 18 7. *I sit a Queen.* Also Bloodguiltiness, *Psalm* 79. 1, 2, 3. *The blood of thy Servants have they shed* like Water round about *Jerusalem*; and so doth Mystical-Babylon, *Revel.* 26. 6. *For they have shed the Blood of Saints and Prophets*, *Rev.* 18. 24. As the City *Jerusalem* was *Spiritually called Sodom and Ægypt*, (e) *where our Lord was crucified.* So *Rome Pagan* and *Papal* is *Mystically* called *Babylon*, where the Saints have been and shall be killed, (f) *And in her was found the Blood of Prophets and* of Saints, and of all that were slain upon the Earth. That which Jesus Christ *revealed* by his *Angel* unto his Servant *John* touching *Mystical-Babylon* in this *Prophecy* of the *Revelation*, can agree to no other City but *Rome* only. For *first*, No other City (in Saint *John*'s time) was built upon *Seven* Mountains, or Hills, but *Rome* only, *Revel.* 17. 5, 8, 9, 18. *And the seven Heads are seven Mountains on which the Woman Sitteth*, called *the great City*, verse 18. *whose Name is Mysterie Babylon the great*, verse 5. So *Propertius*, (g) *Virgil*, (h) *Ovid*, (i) *Cornel. à Lap.* (k) *Bellarm.* (l). So do *Viegas*, *Suarez*, *Ribera*, and divers others affirm, *That by Babylon in the Book of the Revelation Rome is Figured forth.* And the *Remists* in their Testament acknowledge, *That by Babylon is meant Rome:* See their Notes on 1 *Pet.* 5. 13. and upon the 17. and 18. Chapters of the *Revelation.*

(e) Rev. 11. 8.
(f) Rev. 6. 9, 10, 11. Rev. 11. 7. 16, 6. Rev. 18. 13, 24.
(g) Propert. Eleg. 10. l. 3. *Septem urbs alta Jugis toti quæ præsidet Orbi.*
(h) Virgil. Georg. 2. ω. *Pulcherrima Roma, Septem quæ una sibi Muro circumdedit arces.* Ovid. 1. de Tristibus l. 3. Elog. 7. *Dumq; suis victrix septem de Montibus Orbem Prospicit domitum, Martia Roma Legar.* (k) Cornel. à Lap. in Apoc. 17. 3, 9. *In septem Montibus patet denotari* Roman. l. Bellar. *de* R. P. l. 2. c. 2. & l. 3. c. 12.

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Secondly, No other City in the World had seven Kings, that is, Seven several Kinds of Governours succeeding one another, but *Rome* only, *Revel.* 17. 10. *And there are seven Kings, five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come.* The *five Kings*, that were fallen, past and gone before *John*'s time, are mentioned by *Tit. Livius*, l. 6. What the *Romans* did (saith *Livy*,) under their Kings, and after under their Consuls, Dictators, Decemvirs, and Consular-Tribunes, whither as to Wars abroad, or suppressing Troubles at home, I have set forth in five Books. *And this* One is (*m*) *viz.* the Emperour, for the Cæsars were the the sixth Head of *Rome*, who Reigned in St. *John*'s time; *The other is not yet come, viz.* the *Seventh* Head of *Rome*, or the Seventh King, or Kind of *Roman*-Governour, *to wit*, the Popes of *Rome*, *Revel.* 17. 11. *And H E* (that is, *the P O P E*) *is of the Seven, and goeth into Perdition.* This *Seventh* Kind of Government of the *Roman*-Kingdom by Popes was not come in Saint *John*'s Time. So then it is manifest, that *Rome* is the City, which had seven Kings, Heads, or Kinds of Governours, that succeeded one another; Now let any One shew us another City that hath had seven Kings, or several Kinds of Governours [*Et erit mihi magnus Apollo*] And let him be Pope.

(m) Rev. 17. 10. καὶ ὁ εἷς ἔστιν.

Thirdly, No other City in Saint *John*'s time did Reign over the Kings of the Earth, but *Rome* only, *Rev.* 17. 18. *And the Woman which thou sawest* [ἔστιν ἡ πόλις ἡ μεγάλη] *is that City the Great* (verse 5. Mystery, Babylon the Great, *viz.* Rome) *which Reigneth over the Kings of the Earth.* Yea, it is very evident by the Testimony and Confession of many Popish-Writers, who for their Learning, (*and Dignity in the Church of Rome*) were Eminent, *That Rome is that great City*, which by the Emperours *Authority* in Saint *John*'s time, and by the Pope's *Power* since, hath Reigned and still Reigneth over the Kings of the Earth. (n) *Bellarmin* saith, *That Rome is to be understood by*

(n) Bellarm. lib. 3. de Pont. R. c. 13. *Per Meretricem intelligi Romam.*

the great Whore. Cardinal *Poole* (o) saith, *Christ hath set Peter's Chair above all the Thrones of Emperours, and above all the Tribunals of Kings,* [But Christ did not sit in any such Chair of *Kingly* State *as the Pope doth*; nor did Saint *Peter*, nor any of Christ's Apostles, no not Saint *Paul* (*the chiefest of all the Apostles*, 2 *Cor.* 11. 5. and 12. 11.] (p) *Isodorus Muscouius* saith, That the *Pope* of *Rome* is the Universal Judge; HE is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. *However*, That Testimony recorded, *Luke* 2. 1, 2, 3. is undeniable. *And it came to pass in those Days, that there went out a* DECREE *from Cæsar Augustus* (the Roman Emperour) *that all the World should be Taxed.* From what hath been Confessed and Testified by the *Papists* themselves, it is plain and evident, *That Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon* (q).

(o) Polus Cardinal. *de Concilio*, p. 91. Petri *Cathedram super omnia Imperatorum Solia, & omnia Regum tribunalia Constituit Christus.*

(p) Isodorus Muscouius *de Majestate Ecclesiæ Milit.* l. 1. c. 7. p. 26. Venetiis, *anno* 1602.

Pontifex Romanus *est Judex universalis, Rex Regum, & Dominus Dominantium.* Abra. Bzovius *de Pont.* Rom. *Coloniæ* Agrip. 1619. says, *Papa est Christianorum Monarcha, Mortalium Supremus, Judex Cœli, Arbiter Orbis*, cap. 1. 3, 16, 32, 45. Celsus Mancinus, *de Juribus Principatuum* Romæ 1596. lib. 3. cap. 1, 2, &c. saith, *Papa est totius Orbis Dominus: Potestas Papæ temporalis est omnium aliarum Potestatum eminentissima, Aliæq; Potestates omnes ab illo dependent.* (q) Viegas *in* Apoc. 17. *Com.* 1. *S.* 3. *Inquit, Nomine* Babilonis *urbem* Romam *significari in hoc* Apocalypsis *opere; ubi toties* Babilon *nominatur. vid.* Orosium *lib.* 2. *c.* 3. *Hist.* Par. *in* Apoc. 14. 8.

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Proposition II.

That the POPE of Rome *is the BEAST.*

THe great Monarchs and Monarchies of this World have been Figured forth by Beasts of Prey. God shewed his Prophet *Daniel* the *four* great Kingdoms of this World, *viz.* the Assyrio-Caldean, the Medi-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman Kingdoms by a Vision of *four* Ravenous and devouring Beasts, *Dan.* 7. 3, 4.--8. (a) *And behold a fourth Beast* (the Roman-Kings and Kingdoms with seven Heads, and ten Horns, and upon the Horns ten Crowns; And upon his *seventh* Head *two* Horns, like a Lamb; *Rev.* 13. 1. 11.) *dreadful and terrible*, &c. ver. 7. *Exceedingly, And divers from all the other three Beasts.* And Jesus Christ shewed his Apostle *John* the same *fourth* Beast, *Rev.* 13. 2. *And the Beast that I saw, was like unto a Leopard, and his Feet were as the Feet of a Bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a Lyon, And the Dragon* (b) *gave him his Power, his Throne, and great Authority; And he spake as the Dragon*, ver. 11. The most full Description of the Roman-Papal Beast is *expressly* written in the 17. *Chapter* of the *Revelation. And the Angel said unto me*, ver. 7. *I will tell thee the Mystery of the Woman, and of the Beast*, &c. This BEAST the Angel described unto St. *John* in three particulars (*which can agree with no other Persons, Powers, Empe-*

(a) Dan. 7. 7. חיוה רביעיא דחילה ואמתני

(b) That old Serpent, the Devil and Satan, For the Devil and the Pope are alike (*as Father and Son*) in many Things: The Devil contradicted Gods word, *Gen.* 3. 4. So doth the Pope 1 *Tim.* 4. 3. forbidding to Marry. This confesseth Christ, *Mark.* 3. 11. but denies his Laws; So doth the Pope, *Rev.* 13. 11, 15, 16, 17. The Devil would be worshipped as God, *Matth.* 4. 6. The Pope would be Exalted above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, 2 *Thes.* 2. 4.

rours,

The Devil challengeth to be the disposer of all Kingdoms of the Earth, *Luke* 4, 5, 6, 7. So doth the Pope of *Rome*, *vid. Bellarm. lib.* 5. *cap.* 8. *de Pont. Rom.*

rours, Kings, nor Dominion in the World but the Popes of Rome *only.*) *First*, by his Past, Present, and Future State, *ver.* 8. *The Beast that Was, and Is not, and yet IS. Secondly*, by his twofold Number, *ver.* 11. *HE is the Eight, and is of the Seven. Thirdly*, by his Rise and Ruine, *vers.* 8. & 11. *The Beast shall ascend out of the bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition*: That lawless One the Son of Perdition, *and goeth into Perdition.*

First, The Beast is described by his PAST State, *Rev.* 17. 8. *The Beast which thou Sawest, WAS, and is not*; that is to say, The Roman *State* and Kingdom was *formerly*, and even in St. *John's* Time, what it is not, now in our Time, in divers Respects, *viz.* 1. The Roman Kingdom was then a Power ordained of God, *Rom.* 13. 1. 7. unto which Roman-Power our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ being then in the Form of a Servant, Phil. 2. 7. 8. *was obedient to Death.* So were Christs Disciples, and the *Primitive* Christians, Search those Scriptures (*c*). The Roman Powers though *Pagan* Persecutors of Christ and Christians WAS Gods Ordinance of Magistracy, until the Ten Kings gave the Beast (*the Pope of Rome*) his Power, his Throne and great Authority. *Rev.* 13. 2. And then the Angel told St. *John*; *HE is not*; *viz.* The Beast of the seventh and eighth Head is not Gods Ordinance of Magistracy; nor a Power ordained of God. Here let it be *Seriously* considered, That the *Dragon*, which gave the *Beast* his Power, Throne, and great Authority, Was not the Roman-Pagan-Emperours, for they never gave their Power and great Authority unto the Beast of the seventh and eighth Head, *viz. the Pope of Rome.* The Roman-Heathen, yea and Christian Emperours stood in the Popes Way, and did let and hinder his Rise, and Reigning Power, until they were Removed out of his Way, as was foretold by the Apostle *Paul*, 2 *Thes.* 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10. And thus it came to pass; *Constantine* the Great leaving *Rome*, and making *Constantinople*

(*c*) Mar. 12. 17. Acts. 25. 10. 11. 1 Pet. 2. 13, 14, 15. Tit. 3. 1. Not only *Paul*, but *Peter*, and Christ himself was Subject to the Roman-Pagan Emperours, Kings, and Governors.

But the *Beast of the eighth* Head the Pope of *Rome* will be the Supreme Power over all Kings & Kingdoms.

In Bella Cœne Dom. Sect. 3, 4, 5. against Queen *Elizabeth* and all Hereticks, vid. *Remonstran. Hibernorum per* R. Caron. part. 1. cap. 3. Sect. 4. pag. 7.

stantinople the *Imperial* Seat, thereby (*sede vacante*) the then Bishop of *Rome* got full Possession of that City; And so the Chief Bishop of *Rome* continued his *Primacy* from that Time until (*at last*) the *Western* Empire determined in *Augustulus* anno 475. or thereabouts; And about the year 607. the then Bishop of *Rome*, *Boniface* the III. obtained from *Phocas* the Emperour of the East, *That not the Patriarch of Constantinople but the Bishop of* Rome *be universal-Bishop.* But for all this Rise and Advance, The Beast of the eighth Head, (*the Pope of* Rome) IS NOT of the *Seven*; *that is to say*, HE is not *Supreme* as the Roman Emperours were. For although the Emperours assumed the Title of *Pontifex Maximus* (*e*) and added it to the *Imperial* Crown; yet the Imperial Crown of the *Roman* Government and *Kingdom* was not added to the Pope of *Rome*, (*f*) until *Henry* the IV. (*Emperour*), whom *Gregory* the VII. Excommunicated and Deposed, and Made *Rodulphus* Emperour in his stead: And afterwards when *Henry* the V. came to *Rome* to be Crowned by Pope *Pascal.* II. The Pope would not consent to his Coronation, *untill the Emperour did give over all Right of Election of* Popes, *and of Investures of* Bishops *by Staff and Ring.* And thus the Pope gained the Power of *Temporal Soveraignty*, and so *IS of the Seven.*

Aventi. Annal. Boyor. lib. 5. and pag. 447. and lib. 9.

(*t*) *Dionys. Halicarnas. Ant. Rom.* 12. And *Godwin's* Antiq. l. 2. Sect. 2. cap. 15.

(f) *Petra dedit Petro, Petrus Diadema Rodulpho.* Bellar. de Concil. lib. 2. cap. l. 2. c. 17.

Nor did all this Episcopal, Pontificial, and Imperial Dignity, Power, and Authority fill and satisfie the *Beastly Pope of Rome*, until he obtained Supremacy above all *general* Councils (*g*). And so the *Pope* became *Pontifex Maximus*, the chief high Priest, who translated Kings and Emperours at his Pleasure. *Bellarmine* (*h*) saith, The Roman Empire was by the Authority of the Pope, translated from the *Græcians* to the *French*, and from *Charles* the Great and the *French* unto the Family of *Otho* and the *Saxons*, which is now the Roman Papal Empire of *Germany* with its seven Electors.

(*g*) *Bellarmine* boasteth saying, The last *Lateran* Council under *Leo* 10th. *expresly* and *professedly* teacheth, That the Pope is above all Councils, *Bellar. de Concil. l. 2. c. 17.*

(h) *Bellar de transl. Imp. Rom. in tribus libris, per Episcopi Rom. authoritatem.*

Secondly, The Roman Beast also (*that WAS*) is described by his *Present* State, 1. *Negatively*, And is NOT. 2. *Affirmatively*,

(i) Rev. 17. 8, 9.

(k) 1 Tim. 4. 1, 2, 3. and 2 Thes. 2. 3, 4, 5.

(l) Rev. 13. 1. and ver. 11. and Rev. 17. 3. 7, 8.

2. *Affirmatively*, And yet IS (*i*). Herein lyeth another Mystery; *And here is the Mind, that hath Wisdom:* to know in what Respect the Roman Beast is NOT, and yet IS. I will not be positive, nor dare I presume to make a *determinate* Judgment, and to give a Resolution herein; but I humbly offer my Opinion, and submit it to the Mind, that hath Wisdom, and let him, that hath understanding in this Mystery, judge what I say. It is said HE is NOT, with Respect to those five Kings, or Kinds of Kingly Government, *viz.* Kings, Consuls, Dictators, Decemvirs, and Tribunes, which were fallen, *that* is, past and gone before St. *John*'s time. For this BEAST, which rose out of the Sea of the Troubles and Confusions in *Rome*, and in the Roman Empire, and out of the Earth of the Apostacies (*k*) which the *Apostle* foretold should be in the latter Days, and which the Angel was now Revealing unto *John* (*l*) *viz.* Papal Rome, *Is NOT yet Come*, Rev. 17. 10. *that is*, HE was not in Being, when St. *John* write this Book. And yet HE IS, *that is to say* ONE IS, *to wit* the Emperour, who IS the *sixth* King, then in Being in St. *John*'s time, and sometime after, *Rev.* 17. 10. *And there are seven Kings, Five are fallen, And ONE IS, And the Other is not yet come*, viz. to be the *Seventh* head of the Roman Empire, and the Supreme Governour of the Roman Monarchy. The Roman-Papal BEAST is NOT, *that is to say*, HE is not God's Ordinance of Magistracy, nor a lawful Power ordained of God, but he IS an Usurper of the Roman Kingdom; And an Instrument of the great Dragon, that old Serpent, called the Devil and Satan, *Rev.* 12. 3. 9. *viz.* The Roman-Pagan Emperour, And also the Dragon, *that old Serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan*, Rev. 20. 2. *viz.* He *that beguiled* Eve, *through his Subtilty*, 2 *Cor.* 2. 11. 3. gave the BEAST his Power, and his Throne and his Supreme Authority. So that Beast (*the Pope of* Rome) hath the Roman-Power, but not *Jure Divino*, HE IS NOT, by God's Approbation. And yet HE IS the Supreme Roman-Governour. Yea HE IS of the Sever,

Ancients.
Irtnæus, l. 5. adversus Hæres. c. 28. Tertul. de Resur. car. c. 25. Ander. Cæsar. Episc. cap. 36. in Apoc. 13. v. 1. Beda in Apoc. 13. v. 1.

Modern.
Joan. Viguer. Instit. Theol. c. 21. Sect. 3. v. 4. Nich. Sander. l. 8. de visib. Eccl. Monarch. c. 1. in Libro octavo. Nich. Zegar in Apoc. 13.

Papists.
Benedict. Pererius, l. 14. in Dan. R. Bellarminus l. 3. de R. P. c. 2. 8. Francis. Rib. in Apoc. 13. Sect. 1. Hiomne Bestiam Apoc. 13. 1. ipsissimum esse Antichristum interpretantur.

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to wit, the ſeventh *King* or *kind* of Kingly Government, *as is before ſaid. And* HE *even he is the Eighth.* Rev. 17. 11. (m).

(m) *Beſtia ſc. Papa Rom. Is octavus eſt, Et de ſeptem illis eſt, Quia nimirum Papa ſc. Antichriſtus (Cornu illud parvulum* Dan. 7. 20.) *oriturus erat de medio Cornuum quartæ beſtiæ, quæ Imperium adumbrabat Romanum,* &c. J.W. lib. de ultimo Romæ Exitio. p.6.

Thirdly, The Roman BEAST is deſcribed by his Future State: *Rev.* 17. 10. *And the other is not yet Come, that is to ſay*, the other King or Kind of Kingly Government, *viz.* Popes had not gotten the Supreme Power, neither Political, nor Eccleſiaſtical. But this Beaſt, that was to Come, *that is*, to ſucceed the Emperours, *was the Popes*, and they are the *Eight* and of the *Seven.* Rev. 17. 11. Which will be made appear in the *ſecond* Particular of the Angels *Deſcription* of the BEAST by his *twofold* Number.

The Second particular, or Part of the Angels Deſcription of the Roman Beaſt is by his *twofold* Number, *Seven* and *Eight*, The Pope of *Rome* is of the *Seven*, or the *Seventh* King, or *Kingly* kind of Government with Reſpect of his *Imperial*, or *Magiſterial* Power (*n*) over Emperours and Kings of the Roman-Kingdom; And HE IS the EIGHT with Reſpect of his *Hierarchical*, or *Pontifical*-Power (*o*) or Principality, which was alſo *there* before, *under former Roman-Governments*; For as to matters of *Religion*, the Romans had of *old* Inſtituted by *Numa Pompilius* their *Pontifices* or *under-Prieſts* and over them a Chief Prieſt called *Pontifex Maximus*, *which lower Prieſts were exempted from civil Juriſdiction, and only Ordered and Governed by him, who was their Pontifex Maximus*, HE *himſelf not being accountable* to any (*p*). And therefore the Pope is ſaid to be of the SEVEN with Reſpect of his *Imperial* and *Pontifical* Power, unto which HE hath Advanced himſelf in his Dominion and Titles above all Principalities and Powers on Earth, (*no Kings*

(*n*) Bellar. contra. Barcl. c. 5. *Non ſolùm in Spiritualibus quoque Imperatore & Rege major eſt Papa, ſed etiam in temporalibus.*

(*o*) Crichton. in Chymerſiol. 97 *Quanto creatura Deo, tanto Imperatoria Majeſtas eſt Papæ inferior.*

The Pope is the ſeventh Head in Nature and Kind: and an Eight alſo in Degree and Power. *Hen. Rom.* 12. *Godwin's* Antiq. lib. 2. Sect. 2. cap. 15.

Biſh. of Meath, of Antichriſt. pag. 11. (*p*) Dionyſ. Halicarnaſs Ant.

nor Emperours being excepted or exempted) (q). And so in his exalted Power of *Imperial* and *Pontificial* Horns the Pope of *Rome* became the BEAST of the *Eighth* Head *Rev.* 17. 11. Who did Rise out of the Earth having *two Horns* like a Lamb, *Rev.* 13. 11. Horns do signifie Power in the Prophesies of the Holy Scripture of Truth, as in *Dan.* 8. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 (r). So that the *two* Horns of that Beast (*the Pope of* Rome) signifie his *two* fold Power *Political* and *Ecclesiastical*, or *Imperial* and *Pontifical* twisted and united together in his *Seventh* and *Eighth* Headship, For even *HE is the Eight, and is of the Seven*, Rev. 17. 11. This Number of the BEAST *viz.* the *Seventh* and *Eighth* can agree with none of the *Roman* Heads, but Popes *only*.

The *third* Particular, or Part of the Angels Description of the Roman-Papal-BEAST of the *Seventh* and *Eighth* Head is by his RISE and RUINE, *Rev.* 17. 8, 11. *The BEAST shall ascend out of the Bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition*, ver. 11. *And goeth into Perdition.* I shall here shew *briefly*, *first* his *Rise*, *then* his *Ruine*. Whereby it will more plainly appear, *That the Pope of* Rome *is the BEAST.*

First, as to the *Rise* of the *Beast* of the *Seventh* and *Eight* Head, *viz.* the *Pope of Rome*; we find in the *Roman* Histories, That *Constantine* the Great changed the Seat of the Emperour from *Rome* to *Constantinople*, thereby leaving *the City of* Rome, as it were vacant. After his Death the *Roman-Empire* was divided, and the *Roman-Eagle* having *two* great Wings spread her self into the Eastern and Western Empires; At last about *anno* 475. the *Western* Empire quite expired in *Augustulus* (s). For the Empire having been invaded by the *Goths* and *Vandals*, and other *barbarous* Nations, by whom also *Rome* it self was taken and possessed about *fifty* years, The Pope or Bishop of *Rome* himself being also expelled out the City of *Rome*, and put to seek (*for a Time*) another Place of abode. About the year 607. *Boniface* III. (t) then *Bishop* of *Rome* obtained from *Pho-*

(q) *Triplex imperium habet Papa, in terra, in cœlo, & (ubi Chirstus nullum habet) in Purgatorio, in cujus signum Tiara Papalis triplici coronâ ornata est.* Cæremon. l. 1. Sect. 5 c. 9. & Sect. 7. f. 78. Hab. 3. 4. and Zech. 1. 18. 21.

(r) *Purgatorium est peculium Papæ*, saith *Angelus Parisiensis. Antoninus part.* 3. *tit.* 22. *cap.* 5. *Sect.* 6. *&* 7. *Bal. in vita Leonis* 10. *&c. Patres concil. Lateran. Sess.* 10. *in Orat. Steph. Patracensis.*

(s) *Ambrose, Cyrill, Theophylact* upon 2 Thes. 2. 6, 7. When the Roman Empire shall be taken out of the Way, then shall *Antichrist* Come.

Chrysostome in 2 Thes. 2. 6, 7. τοῦτ' ἔστιν (*saith he*) ἡ ἀρχὴ ἡ Ῥωμαινὴ.

(t) *Prideaux* Introduction of Histories, Interval. 7. Sect. pag. 89.

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eas then Emperour of the *East*, That not the *Patriarch* of *Constantinople*, but the *Bishop* of *Rome* should be *Universal Bishop*. And now was the *Title* of *Pope* appropriated to the *Bishop* of *Rome*, which was before communicated to other Patriarchs and Bishops also indifferently. After this Pope *Gregory* VII. contended with the Emperour *Henry* the Fourth, whom he excommunicated and deposed, and gave the *Imperial* Crown to *Rodulphus* (u), with this verse. The Pope of *Rome* being now *Risen* above all Bishops Patriarchs and Emperours, HE advanced himself above all *general* Councils, which Rise was fully attained by *Pope Leo* X. as *Bellarmin* boasteth. The Pope of *Rome* having ascended thus *high*, HE was *Ambitious* to *Rise* yet *Higher*. That so he might appear to be *That Man of Sin, and Son of Perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above every one called God, or divine Power*, So that *HE as God might sit in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God*. And to that End the Pope of *Rome* confirmed those erroneous Doctrines, and Positions of the Church of *Rome*, and caused them to be Concluded and Decreed for Doctrines and Articles of Faith, in the general Councils of *Constance*, *Lateran*, and of *Trent*. *Christophorus Mereellus* speaking to Pope *Julius* II. in the Council of *Lateran*, said (w) *Thou art another God upon Earth*. And in the Gloss on the Canon Law HE is called, *Our Lord God the Pope* by the Popes allowance, as also *divine* Adoration (x).

(u) *Petra dedit Petro, Petrus,* DIADEMA *Rodulpho* Bellarm. de Concil. lib. 2. cap. 17.

2 Thes. 2. 4. ὁ ἀντικείμενος καὶ ὑπεραιρόμενος ἐπὶ πάντα λεγόμενον θεὸν, ἢ σέβασμα, &c. Σέβασμα, *Numen.*

(w) *Tu es alter Deus in Terra. Extra.* Joh. 22. *de verb. signif. cap. cum interp.* & lib. cerem. 1. Sect. 1. fol. 16. *Eberhardus Episc. Salisburgensis Impress. Lugd. Anno* 1555. *Edit. nov. Ant. Papæ Greg.* 13. *Credere Dominum Deum nostrum Papam non sic potuisse Statuere, prout Statuit, hæreticum Censeatur.*

(x) Those words, *All that is called God, and worshipped*, 2 Thes. 2. 4. are not to be interpreted πολιτικῶς of Kings, &c. nor ἐκκλησιαστικῶς of Prelates and Priests, but θεολογικῶς of Objects of divine worship, So the *Athenian* σεβάσματα, Acts 17. 23. were their Idols and Modes of Devotion, and divine Worship. So Dan. 11. 36. 37. 40.

The Pope of *Rome*, *the BEAST of the Seventh and Eighth Head*, having ascended out of the deep Abyss, or Bottomless Pit, and Risen *at last* unto this Hight of Impiety; He having

having overcome the Saints of God, *Rev.* 13. 7. and killed the *two* Prophetical Witnesses of Christ *Rev.* 11. 7. must go into Perdition; *Rev.* 17. 8, 11. *and goeth into Perdition:* which implies his *gradual* Ruine, step by step. As HE did rise gradually to the *hight* of his *Grandeur*, so HE must fall by degrees into *Perdition*. 2 Thes. 2. 8. *Whom the Lord shall Consume with the Spirit of his Mouth,* and *shall destroy with the Brightness of his Coming.* So that this BEAST, (*the Pope of* Rome) shall be *first* Consumed, and afterwards Destroyed, *as is foretold,* Dan. 7. 11, 12, 13. Now to be consumed is to decay, to wax weak, and by some Sickness or Distempers to waste, pine, and wear away, and at last to dye: even so shall the BEAST, that Man of SIN, the Son of Perdition, *the Pope of* Rome. Who hath been Consuming many years by the Spirit of Christs mouth, *viz.* The powerful and spiritual Preaching of the Gospel of free Grace: by the *Prophetical* witnesses of Christ, his godly and faithful Ministers. *Bellarmin's* Confession is a full Confirmation of the *Popes* Consumption, his words in English are these—*The Roman See hath by little and little decayed,* &c. (*x*). And it hath much more decayed, and been consumed since that Time, by the Preaching of the Gospel, through the powerful operation of the holy Spirit (*y*).

(*x*) *Bellarm. de Rom. Pon. if. lib. 3. cap. 21. Scrip. 1577.*

(*y*) Mr. *Rich. Bernar's* Key of Knowledge, part. 4. pag. 126, 127, 128, 129. Since 1558. (*saith he*) the Pope hath nothing Increased upon us, But we by Gods power have prevailed against him. Have not the Papists had ill Success in all their Attempts against us? And in spite of their Policy, Trecheries, and Treasons, — we stand and they fall; and so must they now (*saith he*) continually, for by an Oath of God it is confirmed unto us, Chap. 10. 5, 6. *That there should be Time no longer.* Read pag. 127, 128. & 129.

The utter downfal, and Destruction of the Roman Beast (*the Pope*) is also Prophesied, *Rev.* 14. 8. *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great City,* (which is *Rome* as hath been fully proved). Also *Rev.* 18. 2, 8, 10, 19, 21. *Therefore shall her Plagues come in one Day---and she shall be utterly burnt with Fire, for strong is the Lord God, who judgeth her. Alas, alas! that great City Babylon* (that is *Rome-papal*) *that*

that mighty City, for in one Hour is thy Judgment come; and ver. 19. *Alas alas! that great City* (Rome) *for in one hour ſhe is made deſolate.* And *Rev.*19.19,20---*And the* BEAST, (that is the Pope of *Rome*) *was taken, and with him the falſe Prophet---Theſe both were caſt alive into the Lake burning with Brimſtone.* Then ſhall *Rome*-Papal be found no more at all, *Rev.* 18.21. and Then ſhall the *Beaſt*, (*who is the Pope of Rome*) be tormented day and night, for ever and ever, *Rev.* 20. 10.

Propoſition III.

That the Church of Rome *is the great WHORE.*

THE Church of God under the Law was Reſembled by the Prophet (*a*) unto a comely and delicate Woman. And the Church of Chriſt under the Goſpel was Revealed to the Apoſtle (*b*) by the Similitude of a *Woman* clothed with the *Sun*, having a *Crown* of *twelve Stars* on her *Head*. Such was the Church at *Jeruſalem*, and the Churches in *Judea*, in the Days of the Apoſtles; And ſuch was the Church at *Rome*, whoſe Faith was Famous throughout the whole World (*c*) and ſuch alſo were the Churches in *Aſia*, thoſe *golden* Candleſticks (*whilſt Jeſus Chriſt walked in the midſt of them*;) and their ſhining Lights, *Like Stars*, the Able Miniſters of the new-Teſtament called *Angels*, whom the Lord Jeſus Chriſt held in his right-hand, (*d*) But when the Church of *Rome* departed from the Faith, *as was foretold by the Apoſtle* (*e*) and Apoſtatiſed both in Doctrine and Manners and fell away, *as was alſo foretold by the ſame Apoſtle*,

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(b) Rev.12.1.

(c) Rom.1.7.8.

(d) Rev.1.20, and 2.1.

(e) 1 Tim.4. 1,2,3.

(f) 2 Thess. 2. 1, 2, 3, 4---12. *postle,* (f) then she became a *false* Church, whom Jesus Christ shewed unto his Servant John, *in a Vision and Revelation,* like a *Woman,* that is an Harlot, *and the Mother of Harlots,* and calls her the great WHORE (g) whose Name is *Mystery,* Babylon the great, &c. which is *Papal-Rome, as hath been clearly, and fully Proved.* And I shall now prove, and plainly Demonstrate, this *third* Proposition.,

(g) Rev. 17. 1, 5.

That the Church of Rome is the great Whore.

That Church which is the Mother of Harlots, (a) by Maintaining, Commanding, and Practising *spiritual* Adulteries, Whoredoms, and Fornications, is the great Whore: But the Church of *Rome* is the Mother of Harlots, which maintaineth, commandeth and practiseth spiritual Adulteries, Whoredoms, and Fornications; Therefore the Church of *Rome* is the great Whore.

The *spiritual* Adultery, whoredom, and fornication of Judah, and Jerusalem, which God did so much complain of by his Prophets was their *Idolatry,* and *Image*-worship, *Ezek.* 4. 11, 37. *with their Idols have they committed Adultery.* So God complained of *Nineveh,* by his Prophet, *Nahum* 3. 4, 5. *Because of the Whoredoms of the well-favoured Harlot,* the *Mistress of Witchcraft, that Selleth Nations through her Whoredoms, and Families through her Witchcrafts: I will shew the Nations thy Nakedness, and the Kingdoms thy shame.* And so did Christ shew the *spiritual* Adultery, and *Idolatry* of *Papal-Rome* under the Similitude of a Woman whose Name is *Mysterie, Babylon the great, the Mother of Harlots, and of the Abominations of the Earth.* God's *great Prohibition* against this sinful *Abomination* of *spiritual* Whoredom, of making and worshipping Images in the second Commandement, *Exod.* 20. 4, 5. And the *grievous* Judgments, which God denounced against, and inflicted upon the worshippers of *Idols,* yea against them *false* Prophets, and any other persons, that shall entice and perswade any to go after *other Gods,* and serve them, *Deut.* 13. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15. sheweth us the *sinfulness* of this Sin of Idolatry,

Idolatry, And how *greatly* God is provoked unto Jealousie by it, 1 *Cor.* 10. 20, 21, 22. and *Rev.* 3. 20, 21, 22. and *Rev.* 18. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8. *So that Idolatry and false Worship is Spiritual Whoredom.*

Now let us examine the *second* Proposition, *to wit*, Whether the Church of *Rome* be guilty of this great Sin of *Spiritual* Whoredom, Adultery, and Fornication, (*called Idolatry*) and be indeed the Mother of Harlots? The *Ancients* do with one Consent assert, *that Idolatry is an Attributing of divine Honour unto the Creature, which is only due unto God.* And *Thomas Aquinas* (a) out of all the *Fathers* and Ancient Writers concludes so, *That is Idolatry* (*saith he*) *when the Honour, that is only due to God, is given to the Creature.* The Church of *Rome* doth attribute that divine Honour to the Creature, which is only due to God; For she doth attribute trust and Confidence in their Prayers to Saints deceased, yea to their *feigned* Saints, as plainly appears in the publick Service-Books, Rosaries, Breviaries, Psalters, and Catechisms of the Church of *Rome.* (b) The Papists praying to Saint *John*, say, *Hail, ô holy Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, I intreat thee---that thou wouldest deliver me, thy unworthy Servant, from all Adversity, and receive my Soul at the Hour of Death, and wouldst bring me to life everlasting.* To Saint *George* they pray thus---*He save us from our Sins, that we may rest with the Blessed in Heaven.* To Saint *Erasmus*, ô Erasmus! *Grant, that by thy Merits and Prayers we may overcome all the Snares of our Enemies, and be freed from eternal Death.* (c) To *Francis* the Fryer they pray *thus, O Francis-- singular crucified-Saint, be thou to us the way of Life, make Satisfaction for us always, shew to Christ the marks of thy wounds* (d). This *Fryer Francis* they make equal to Christ, as those *Blasphemous* Verses of two shameless Jesuites *Tursellinus* and *Bencius* do plainly declare. And to the Image *Veronica*, they pray thus, *Haile, holy Face, imprinted on a Clout,* (e) *Purge us from all Sin within and without*, &c. Thus also the Papists by the Commandements of Men, *viz.* Popes, Jesuites,

(a) Aquin. *in Epist. ad* Ephes. c. 5. Lect. 3. *Quando honor soli Deo debitus, exhibetur Creaturæ.* Concil. Trident. *Sess.* 9.

(b) Catechis. Roman. Osorius *tom.* 3. *Concion.* p. 681. Bellarm. *de Sanctor. beat.* lib. 1. cap. 10.

(c) Possevin. bibl. select. pag. 295. Boz. *de sig. Eccles.* Tom. 2. pag. 200.

(d) *Erat* Franciscum *tunica lactroq; cucullo: Qui* Franciscus *erat, jam tibi Christus erit.* Franciscus *exuviis* (*si qua licet*) *indat Christum: Jam* Franciscus *erit, qui modo Christus erat.*

(e) Chemnit. exam. Concil. Trident. *de Imagin.*

suites, Priests, yea and general Councils, and the Church of *Rome* do worship Images, Pictures, Crosses, Crucifixes, and *Reliques*, which (*they say*) are to be worshipped after the same Manner as *Images* are. (*f*) It's written of *Dunstan* the Abbot of *Glastenbury*, that he blessed the right Thumb of *Editha* the Abbesse of *Wilton*, which being found uncorrupted, after all her Body was turned to dust and ashes in her Grave, became a Relique. (*g*) How many things about our Saviour are turned into Reliques? *viz.* the Manger, his linnen Cloth, his Cradle, his Shirt, the Table on which Christ eat his last Supper, the Cup wherein he gave his Blood to be drunk, are Reliques to be seen at this Day (as the Papists and other Pilgrims and Travellers report in several places and Churches in *Rome*, *Spain*, *Ravenna*, *Pisa*, at *Andegavum*, &c. The Church of *Rome* is guilty of gross Idolatry and spiritual Adultery in Adoring and worshipping the *Host*; for at the Priest's Elevation of the Host (*the Papists breaden God*) they all fall down upon their Knees, and worship it with very great Devotion, and whosoever refuseth so to do is counted an *Heretick*. (*h*) And yet some Priests have poisoned the Host, intending to add Murder, yea wilful and Sacrilegious Murder thereby to their gross Idolatry, as the Monk *Bernhardine*, who poisoned the Host, to the intent that he might poison the Emperour *Henry* of *Lucenburgh*, as he also did at the Instigation of *Robert* King of *Sicily*. *Baronius* (*i*) tells us of a Priest that either did, or would have poisoned Pope *Victor* 2d. at the Sacrament. And *William* Arch-bishop of *York* was poisoned at the Mass by his own Chaplins, by that which they put into the Chalice. What can be more Heathenish and palpable Idolatry, than to worship the Bread consecrated by a Priest, which is maintained, commanded and Practised by the Church of *Rome*, by all her Priests and Papists?

(f) Vasq. *de adoratione, lib.* 3. *disp.* 3. *cap.* 2. *Reliquiæ eodem modo atq; Imagines sunt adorandæ.* Conci. Trident. *Decret. de Reliq. Sanct.*

(g) Guliel. Malmsbur, *lib.* 2. *de Pontif.* Vincent. *li.* 25. *cap.* 33.

(h) Bellarm. *de Sacrament. Eucharist. l.* 4. *cap.* 29. Coster. Enchir. *de Euchar. Rubric. in Missal. Rom.*

(i) Cuspinian. Nauclerus. Egnat. & Baron. Spondan. An. *Eccles. an.* 1055. Volateran. Hoveden. Math. Paris. &c.

Another branch of the *Spiritual* Whoredom and Adultery of the great Whore, the Church of *Rome*, is the Adoration and worshipping the Cross *it Self*, *on which Christ*

Christ suffered, say they, also the Image of the Cross and the Sign of the Cross. (*m*) *Vasques* the Jesuit affirmeth, that this is the Doctrine of the *Roman-Church*, and so doth *Bellarmine*, and *Thomas Aquinas*, and many other great Doctors of the Church of *Rome*. It is testified (*n*) that a *famous Papist*, and a *Professor* of Divinity, who dedicated his Book to *Pope Clement* 8*th*. saith thus, *We worship the Cross with the same Worship wherewith we adore Christ himself*, &c.

(*m*) Vasques *de Adorat. l.*3. *cap.*2. Bellarm. *de Imagin. lib.*3. *c.*27, 28, 29. Aquin. *Sum. part.*3. *art.*4.

(*n*) Chrys. *à Visitat. de virb. Domini* tom. 4. *Lib.*6. *c.* 7.

Again, Whereas we Asserted, *That the Church of Rome is the Mother of Harlots*; for a *full proof* thereof let it be considered, *First*, That the *Church* of *Rome* owns her self to be the *Catholick* and *Mother-Church* of all those Churches in *Italy*, *Spain*, *France*, *Germany*, &c. whether National or Parochial, that receive, believe, and practice her *damnable* Doctrines, and *Idolatrous* worship, which are false Churches and Harlots: [*with whom the Kings of the Earth have committed Fornication, and the Inhabiters of the Earth have been made drunk with the wine of her Fornication*] and therefore the Church of *Rome* (*Mystical-Babylon as before proved*) is called *the Mother of Harlots*, Rev. 17. 2, 5. *And Abominations of the Earth.*

Secondly, That the *Church* of *Rome* hath begotten, born, and nourished all those *National* and *Parochial* Churches, *before-mentioned*, which are called *the Cities of the Nations*, Rev. 16. 19. which *National Churches* are Harlots (as *Nineveh* was called, *Nahum* 3.4.) because of the multitude of their *spiritual Whoredoms*, and *abominable Idolatries*: whereby it appears, that the *Church* of *Rome* is the *Mother* of *Harlots*, for She hath loosed her *false Doctrines*, worships, and all her *Idolatries* into those *Churches*.

Thirdly, That the *Church* of *Rome*, (*as the Mother of Harlots*) imposeth her *false* Doctrines, *Idolatrous* Worships, and *damnable* Practices upon all those and other *National Churches*, whom She calleth *her Daughters*, owning her Authority over them, as being their *Mother*.

And, *First*, It doth appear that the *Church* of *Rome* is the *great* WHORE, by her *spiritual* Whoredoms and Fornications;

nications; *Rev.* 17.4. And the *Woman--had a golden-CUP in her hand, full of Abominations, and filthiness of her Fornication.* All kinds of *Idolatry, Image-worship,* and *Superstitions* in the Service of God is *spiritual* Whoredom, (*f*) And such are those *Images,* and *Idols*; those *Crosses* and *Crucifixes*; those *Pictures,* and painted forms, or *Representations* of our Saviour Christ, of the Virgin *Mary,* and of Saints deceased, whom the Papists set up, *fall down* before, and *worship.* The Kings of the Earth have committed Fornication (*that is, spiritual Whoredom and Adultery*) *with* HER: And the *Inhabiters of the Earth* have been made drunk *with the Wine of* HER *Fornication,* Rev. 17.1 2. by *receiving* those *Idolatrous* Doctrines, and by *Practising* those *Imaginary* Superstitions, which the *Church* of *Rome* Teacheth and practiceth in the Worship of God. (*g*) *In vain do they worship God* (*saith Christ*) *teaching for Doctrines the Commandements of Men,* to wit, those *Notoriously* known *Doctrines* and *Practices* of the *Church* of *Rome,* the *Mother* of *Harlots,* namely, (*h*) Their worshipping of Images, *viz.* of Christ, and of the Virgin *Mary*; their Invocation, Adoration, and Prayers to dead Saints; And their irrational and senseless Doctrine of Transubstantiation, Sacrifice, and Adoration of the *Host,* that is, their *Breaden God*; which (*say they*) is by *Consecration* changed into the *very* Body and Blood of Christ, which the Papists adore, kneel unto, and worship, as their God and Saviour.

(*f*) Prid. *de Antichristo* Lect. 11. *Non in* Babilona *solum, sed in* Sodomam Roma *degeneravit, ut non πόρνον modo Meretricum, sed* (*ut habet liber Complutensis & Regius*) *πόρνον, hoc est, Catamitarum & Ganimedum Mater habeatur.* Sic Heptades *de Antichristo, pag.* 99. 129--131. & Doun. Diatr. *de Antichristo, l.* 1. *c.*7. *Etiam* M. Antonius *de Dom. Archiep.* Spalat. *de Rep. Eccles. lib.* 4. *cap.* 3. *n.* 26.--29. ac Hieron. *adver.* Jovin. *lib.*2, *&c.* Marlor *in* Apoc. 18.24. *&* *in* Apoc. 13. *p.* 37. 64, 65. (*g*) Matth. 15.7, 8, 9. & Rev. 13. 4, 8. Idem *in* Apoc. 18. *Meritricem Babylonicam, Ecclesiam nempè* Romanam, *Scortationibus, ad immundâ Antichristi* Romani, *Sanguinolentorum scil. atq; Belluinorum Pontificum, quorum plerique Magi, Venefici, Athei, Adulteri,*——*non Apostolici, sed Apostatici, & Apostatici, quales ipse* Genebrardus *lib.* 4. Chronol. *fatetur*——*Superstitionum, & Cultuum novorum inventores.* (*h*) Doun. *de Antichristo lib.* 1. *cap.* 7. *Dementatos & mente captos esse notat Apostolus,* Apoc. 18.23. & 19. 2. & 17.2, 4. *qui cum ista Meretrice scortantur, ejusq; scortationibus & Idololatriis imbuuntur & fascinantur.*

But besides the Idolatry, and Superstition of this part of their Will-worship, *let it be considered* by the judicious and

and rational *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants*, *Firſt*, how *irrational* that Doctrine and Practice of the Church of *Rome* is, *to wit*, of *Tranſubſtantiation*. Admit the Sacrament of the Lords Supper be Adminiſtred in the *Roman*-Catholick-Church in a 100. 500 *Places*; (*as indeed it is*) at the ſame Time, And the Bread be by virtue of each Prieſt's Conſecration changed into the Real Body of Chriſt, then Chriſt hath 100. 500 Real Bodies at one Time, which is abſurd and *irrational*. *Secondly*, how *ſenſleſs* their Doctrine of *Tranſubſtantiation* is; The Church of *Rome* teacheth, and the Papiſts *ſenſeleſly* are to believe, That the Bread after *Conſecration* is the very Body of Chriſt. And yet they *that Eat that Bread*, ſee it is Bread, after the *Conſecration*, yea they taſte and know it is Bread ſtill, whileſt they are eating of it: And thus they delude their Senſes by a fond and falſe Belief. *Thirdly*, how *damnable* their Doctrine and Practice *of this* part of their *falſe* worſhip of God is, (*viz. Tranſubſtantiation*). The Doctrine is Damnable; For the Church of *Rome* teacheth her Children, *the Papiſts*, to believe in, to fall down unto, and to worſhip a *breaden-God*, which their Prieſts have made an Idol, with Solemn and Sacred Adoration. And the Practice is alſo damnable; For the Papiſts eating that Bread with a *firm* Belief, that it is not Bread, but the Body of Chriſt, do eat that Bread and drink that Cup *unworthily*, and ſo eat and drink their own damnation, 1 *Cor.* 11. 29.

Secondly, It appears, that the Church of *Rome* is the great Whore; *Becauſe* She is become *the Mother of Harlots* (*k*) the *Lupan* * of Stews, and of all Abominations, *Rev.* 17. 1, 5. The Church of *Rome* calls her ſelf *the Ca-*

(*k*) Prid. *de mille annis Apoc. Lect.* 13.

Roma *eſt* Sodoma ſpiritualiter, *quia ſimilis Sodomæ: quâ re ſimilis? fœditate Sodomiticarum libidinum in urbe magnâ horribiliter graſſantium, unde & Mater Scortationum*, Apoc. 17. 5. *vocata, &c. Vide jam magnam urbem Papatus; Quid eſt niſi ſcortationum ſpiritualium & corporalium fœdiſſima Officina?* Petrarcha queritur Ep. 20. *Romæ ſtupra, raptus, inceſtus, adulteria, jam Pontificialis laſciviæ ludi ſunt, quod* cecinit *Mantuanus*, I pudor in villas, ſi non patiantur eaſdem, Et villæ vomicas, Roma eſt jam tota Lupanar. Roma, vale, vidi, ſatis eſt vidiſſe; revertar, Cum Leno, Meretrix, Scurra, Cinædus, etc. *Sic*, Marulus *in Epitaph.* *Ita* Janus Pannonius, *Etiam* Johannes Sa[illegible]dus.

Catholick Church, and She teacheth her *Children* (the Papists) to believe, that She is the Mother of all *National-Churches*, and whosoever do not acknowledg Her to be the holy *Catholick-Church*, and submit not to Her *Canons*, Constitutions, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship, are *Hereticks*: All the *National-Churches* of *Germany*, *France*, *Spain* and *Italy*, &c. are her Harlots; *false* Churches, and *Idolatrous* Worshippers of Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, *&c.* as before-said.

The Church at *Rome* was a true Church in the Apostles Time, whose Faith was famous *throughout the whole World*, Rom. 1. 7, 8. But afterwards that Church departed from the Faith, Apostatized both in Doctrine, and in Discipline, yea and also in Manners. (*l*) And so became a *false Church*, and *a Synagogue of Satan*, and She is now become the *great Whore*, and *Mother of Harlots*: She hath left her *first* Husband Christ Jesus the Lord, and hath taken another Head and Husband, the *POPE* of *Rome*. She hath departed from her *first Faith*, which was grounded upon the Doctrines of Jesus Christ, and his Apostles; and now she doth believe the Doctrines of *her holy Father the Pope*. And She is faln from her *first Purity* in Discipline and Manners, into all manner of Licenciousness and abominable Wickedness, and so is become *the Mother of Harlots, and of all the Abominations* which are in all false Churches, that are her Daughters, whereby the *Church of Rome* is plainly manifested to be *the great WHORE*.

(*l*) J. W. *de ult. Romæ exitio. pag.* 62. *ait*, Joannes 13. *omni* Flagitiorum *generi*, *scil. Stupris, Adulteriis, Incestiis, aliisq; sceleribus ab ipsâ Adolescentia incumbens*, Stephenam *Concubinam Patris sui, & duas sorores vitiavit.* Nicholaus *quidam de* Bibrach. Erphordiensis *non obscure innuit se à* Martino 2. *velut* Ganymedem — *ad turpiora quædam exptitum.*

Thirdly, It appears, *That the Church of Rome is the great Whore*, by her *barbarous* and *bloody* Persecutions, and *Murders* added to her Whoredomes, *Revel.* 18. 24. *For in HER was found the Blood of Prophets, and of Saints, and all that were slain upon the Earth. And I saw the Woman* (the great Whore, and Mother of Harlots) *drunken with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of the Martyrs of Jesus*, Rev. 17. 1, 5, 6. Particularly

ly of the *Waldenses*, *Albigenses*, and other. (m) *Vergerius*, who was well acquainted with the *Romish* bloody *Inquisition*, tells *us*, that 150000. Protestants suffered Death in less then 30. years. The King of *France* in his Letters to the Pope *boasteth*, that in the year 1572. (*in the Massacre of* Paris *and elsewhere*) (n) 70000 *Heretick*s were slain in few days, that is 70000 *Protestants* were then and there murdered by the Papists. And can we forget, or omit, to mention the late *bloody* Butcheries of *Protestants* by the *Barbarous* cruel *Irish-Papists*, *Anno* 1641. when 100000. were murthered? And if the bloody Invasion, *Anno* 1588. and the Horrid Gun-powder Treason, *November* 5th. 1605. *And the bloody traiterous design of Popish Recusants*, as the King calls it (o) Even *that damnable, and Hellish-Plot (as the Parliament voted it) contrived, and carried on by Popish Recusants, for Assassinating and Murdering the King, and for Subverting the Government, and rooting out, and destroying the Protestant Religion* (p) had taken Effect, many more Protestants in *England* had been (*ere this Day*) murdered and massacred by the blood-thirsty-Papists. And these barbarous, bloody, and damnable Persecutions and Practices of the Papists, are grounded on the very *Doctrine*, *Religion*, and Faith of the Church of *Rome*; which is not to be found in any other party of the whole *Christian* world (*so called*) besides. Whereby it is evident, to those that have understanding, *That the Church of* Rome *is the great bloody Whore*, viz. that *purple* and *scarlet* Coloured Whore, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, *Revel.* 17. 1, 4, 5.

(m) *Abregè Chronol. &c. par le Sieur de* Mezeray, Paris. 1567. *Tom.* 3. *p.* 1082. 1086. *ad Annum* 1572.

(n) Thuanus *Hist. l.* 53. *ad annum* 1572. *p.* 837. *Edit.* 1620. Fam. Strada *de bello Belgico. l.* 7. *p.* 373. *Edit. Rome* 1648.

(o) In his Majesties Declaration for banishing all *Papists* Ten miles from *London*, Octob. 30. 1678.

(p) The Votes of the Commons read to the Lords, and by them also approved at a Conference, 1st. *Nov.* 1678.

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Proposition IV.

That the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet.

BY the Roman-Priests, I mean and intend the Pope, the Cardinals, the Jesuits, and all those Priests that do receive Orders of *Priest-hood* from the Church of *Rome*, and ackowledge HER to be the *Catholick* Church, believe Her Doctrines, obey her Canons, and Teach Her damnable *Heresies*. That the Roman-Priests are the *false* Prophet doth *plainly* appear by the *false* Doctrines of the Church of *Rome*, which they believe, and teach. I call them *the Doctrines of the Church* of Rome, which are approved by the *publick* Authority of that Church by their established Laws, their Popes Bulls, Decretals, and Constitutions, or the Canons of their *Provincial*, *National*, or general *Councils*, All which are approved and confirmed in their *Trent* Council (*a*). And all their Secular Clergy, and all who have Cure of Souls, &c. are sworn to approve, to profess, and teach the same--- And to *Anathematize*, Reject, and Curse all contrary opinions and Doctrines. (*b*) I shall at present instance in *three* known *Doctrines* of the Church of *Rome*, 1. *The Doctrine of the Popes Supremacy over all Princes, Kings, and Emperours of the Earth.* This pernicious Doctrine of the Church of *Rome* is taught by the Roman-Priests (*c*) *Blasius Bagnus* a Prior *general* tells us, That the Popes Empire is over all the World: and *that HE is the only Vicar of*

(a) *Con. Trident. Sess. 25. de Reformatione, cap. 20. Præcipit Sancta Synodus, Sacros Canones, & Concilia generalia omnia, nec non alias Apostolicas Sanctiones in favorem Ecclesiast icarum Personarum & Libertatis Ecclesiasticæ; & contra ejus Violatores editos, quæ Omnia presenti Decreto innovat, exactè ab omnibus observari debent.*

(b) *Vide* Bullam Pii 4. *Super formâ Juramenti Professionis fidei, in calce Sess. 25. Concilii Trident. datam Romæ. Id. Nov. 1564. de Reformatione, cap. 12.*

(c) Blasius Bagnus *de S. Romanæ Ecclesiæ dignitatibus, Tract. 7. pag. 83, 84. 85.*

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God, who hath Supreme Power and Rule over all Kings and Princes of the Earth; (d) *Jacobus Simanca* a Roman-Bishop, whose Book is Printed *cum publico Privilegio*, and Commended by the *Censor librorum* the learned *Ben. Arias Montanus*, who saith, That he had read it—And that it contained nothing offensive to the *Catholick* Faith. *Hereticks* (saith *Simanca*) *are actually deprived of all Dominion and Jurisdiction, and their Subjects freed from their Obedience, and this comprehends Kings and other Lords.* And *Emanuel Sa* a famous *Jesuite* affirmes (e) *That if a Clergyman Rebel against his King, it is no Treason, because* (saith he) *Clergy-Men are not the Kings Subjects.* These *false* Prophets have taught, and maintained this false Doctrine.

2. *The Doctrine of Justification by works which are* (*say they*) *meritorious and satisfactory.* I need not spend Time, and wast Paper in proving that the Church of *Rome*, and all her Clergy own and teach this Doctrine (f) therefore I will *briefly* prove that it is *false* Doctrine, whereby it will appear, that the Roman-Priests are *false* Teachers, Deceivers, and *the false Prophet.* The Apostle *Paul* gives it *in holy writ* as the *Conclusion* of all Christs Apostles, *Rom.* 3. 28. *Therefore we conclude* (saith he) *that a man is justified by Faith, without the Deeds of the Law.* And Gal. 2. 16. *Knowing that a Man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by the Faith of Jesus Christ*——*For by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.*

It may be *objected*, that the *Apostle* James *saith* expressly, *That by works a man is Justified, and not by Faith only*, Jam. 2. 24. and Instanceth in *Abraham*, ver. 21. *Was not* Abraham *our Father justified by works?*

I *Answer*, That a mans Person is justified by Faith before God, and works justifie his Faith before Men: And this seems to be the Mind of both those Apostles; For St. *Paul* saith expressly *Rom.* 4. 2. *If Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God.* And St. *James* speaks of shewing our Faith by our works, before Men, *vers.* 18. *I will shew thee my Faith by my Works*, And

(d) *Sic. Simanca Enchir. Juris. cum Tit.* 67. §. 12. *p.* 349. *Antwerp. Anno*, 1573. &

(e) *Eman. Sa Aphor. Confess. Verbo Clericus, pag.* 41. *Col.* 1599.

(f) *Conc. Coloniens. pag.* 140. 141. *Becan. Ibid. Concil. Trident. Sess.* 6. *cap.* 6. *Bellarm. lib.* 1. *de just. cap.* 13. & *de Purgat. lib.* 1. *cap.* 14. *Rhem. Annot.* 2 *Tim.* 4. 8. & *Heb.* 6. 10. *Greg. de Valentom.* 3. *disp.* 7. *q.* 2. *de Indulgent. Bellarm. lib.* 4. *cap.* 16. *de Justif. & lib.* 5. *cap.* 16, 17. *Andradius orthod. Explic. Concil. Trident. lib.* 6.

And so *Peter Martyr* and other of the Ancients used to Distinguish; *Faith* (saith he) *justifies our Persons, and good Works justifie our Faith.*

3. The Doctrine of the *false* worship of God, *which consists of many particular Parts,* (that the Church of *Rome* Practiseth, and the *Roman* Priests *teach*) all which are asserted, confirmed, and established by the *Laws, Canons,* and *general Councils* of the Church of *Rome.* And the *Romish Clergy* (by teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of Men touching the Worship of God (*g*) and thereby deceiving and seducing them) *are become the false Prophet*: like *Thyatira's Jezabel,* Rev. 2. 20. *which called her self a Propheteſs,* viz. The *false* Prophets in that Church, who taught and seduced the people of God to commit Fornication: so the Roman Priests do teach them, *that worship the Beast and his Image,* to worship Saints deceased, yea to worship Idols, Crosses, Crucifixes, and Images which the Church of *Rome* hath set up, and Commanded to be Adored and Worshiped; *especially* their *breaden God,* and *Sacrilegious Host,* teaching the People and Seducing them to Believe, *That the self same Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was once in the fulness of Time* (and but once) *made of a Woman,* Gal. 4. 4. *by the Power of God, is every Sacrament Day made of a Wafer by the power of a Romish Priest.* By all which, and *by several other false Doctrines,* it is plain and evident to those, that have understanding in the holy Scriptures of Truth, *That the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet,* meant and intended by Christ, *Rev.* 13, 14. and 16. 13. and 19, 20. As for their Doctrines of Purgatory, Pennances, Pardons, and many other false Doctrines taught by the Roman-Priests, I pass by, as not worth mentioning.

(g) *Joan. Bal. in vita* Innocent. 3d. saith that *Innocent* 3d. Commanded, that the Words of the Canon of the Masse should be held equal to the words of the Gospel. *Card. Cusanus* entituleth his Book, *De Authoritate Ecclesiæ & Concilii supra & contra Scripturam.* Henricus Doctor, *magister sacri palatii Romæ ad Legatos Bohemicos sub Felice Papâ, pag* 1447. saith, The Pope may Change the holy Gospel, and may give to the Gospel, according to the place and time, another Sense. *Michael, Medina, Gratian, Abb. Panorm. Felinus,* and all the *Roman* Priests assert and Teach, The Pope may dispence against *jus divinum,* and against the New Testament.

Having thus far unvailed Mystical-Babylon, *that is Rome-papal,* I shall now proceed to Call the People of God

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to come out of *Babylon*, and to forſake Papal-*Rome*, to Renounce the Church of *Rome*, *as the great Whore and Mother of Harlots*, to Deny the Popes *Imperial* and *Pontifical* Supremacy, *as the Beaſt with his two horns like a Lamb* and not to hear nor hearken unto the Roman-Prieſt, (*that falſe Prophet*) which teach the *falſe* Doctrines of the Church of *Rome*, and *Seduce* the Servants of God. And this Call I give the People of God (*eſpecially in* England) in the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

A Call to all the People of God to come out of Babylon.

REvel. 18. 4. *And I heard another voice from Heaven, ſaying, Come out of* HER *my People, That ye be not Partakers of her Sins, And that ye receive not of her Plagues.* This *Call* is the Call of God our *Saviour* unto all his People in Myſtical-*Babylon* (*Papal-Rome*) to come out of HER. *Come out of her my People:* which *Call* of Chriſt was given by an *audible* voice, *And I heard another voice from Heaven ſaying*, &c. And this *Call* from Heaven is urged and enforced upon the People of God by two *Cogent* Arguments or Reaſons, 1. *That ye be not partakers of* HER *Sins:* 2. *That ye receive not of her Plagues.*

Two things in this *Call* need *Explanation*, 1. What this voice was? 2. What it is to come out of HER? To both theſe I ſhall ſpeak *briefly*, and then proceed to ſpeak more *largely* of this *Call.*

Firſt, This voice hath Heaven's Authority, *It was from Heaven*, to wit, the voice of Chriſt in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel *ordinarily*, and by the *powerful* Efficacy of the holy Spirit *alſo*, 1 Theſ. 1. 5. *For our Goſpel came not unto*

you in Word only, but also in Power, and in the holy Spirit, and in much assurance. So had the voice of the Angels of God by whom Christ *then* Spake unto his Servant *John*, Rev. 14. 6.—13. *with a loud voice*, ver. 7. which St. *John* heard from Heaven, *ver.* 13. And so have the voice of the faithful Ministers of God, by whom Christ also *now* speaks unto his People, *Luke* 10. 16. *He that heareth you, heareth me*, &c. to wit, Heavens Authority.

Secondly, To come out of HER, is to Seperate themselves from the Church of *Rome*, which is *now* become a *false* Church, called *the great Whore, and Mother of Harlots.* 2 Cor. 6. 14.--18. ver. 17. *Wherefore Come out from among them, and be ye Seperate, saith the Lord.* The Lord Jesus Christ would have his People to be *Seperated* under the Gospel *from the unbelieving Jews, and their false worship (which Christ calleth vain worship, Matth.* 15. 8, 9.) And St. *Paul* did Seperate the Disciples from the Jewish *Synagogue* of unbelievers, *Acts* 19. 8, 9. *And also from Idolatrous Gentiles*, that worship Images, *(as the Church of* Rome *doth) and from their Idol-Temples, Churches, and Chappels*, For the *Gentile* Papists, and Church of *Rome*, their Pope, Cardinals, Jesuits, and all the Roman-Priests do tread under foot the holy City, *Rev.* 11. 2. *Jerusalem*, *viz.* the Church and People of God, 2 *Cor.* 6. 16, 17. *What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols? For ye are the Temple of the living God, as God hath said*, Levit. 20. 24. 26. and 26. 12. *I will dwell among them, and walk among them, And I will be their God, and they shall be my People: wherefore Come out from among them, and be ye seperated saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean Thing*, &c. The Papists Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, their Consecrated Wafers, holy Waters, and Saints Pictures, the Image of the *Virgin-Mary*, and of our Saviour upon the Cross, *unto which Images the Papish Priests and people fall down and worship*; yea their *Ave Maria*, and prayers to Saints deceased, all their holy Bells, Beads, Prayer-Books, and Candles, &c. are all as an unclean thing, and ought to be *seperated* from, and not *touched* by

by the People of God, whom Christ calls upon *with a loud voice* to come out from among them.

These two particulars explained the *Argument* which Christ *urgeth* to *inforce* this his *Call* unto his People followeth, *That ye be not Partakers of HER Sins, and that ye receive not of HER Plagues.* As if Christ had said, I do by the voice of my faithful Ministers Call and Command you *my People* to Come out of Mystical-*Babylon* (*Papal-Rome*) and to *Separate* your selves from the Church of *Rome*, which is fallen, is fallen from her Apostolical Purity in Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline *or Ecclesiastical Government*, and is become an Harlot, a *false* Church, the great Whore, the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth, The *Synagogue* of Satan, the *Habitation* of Devils, the *Hold* of every *foul* Spirit, and a *Cage* of every *unclean* and *hateful* Bird. But if you *my People* (as if Christ had said) will not obey my voice, nor hear my *Call*, If you will not come out from the Church of *Rome*, and seperate your selves from the Papists, and leave going to and worshiping in their Popish Temples, Churches, Chappels, and private Cloysters, Nunneries, Priories, Religious Houses, Meeting-places, and holy Roods of *Auricular* Confession, &c. *then* in the *first* Place you will be *Partakers* of their Sins, *that is*, you will become guilty of their Will-worship, and spiritual Fornication, *Rev.* 17. 2. of their Idolatries, Adulteries, Thefts, Murders, &c. *Rev.* 9. 20, 21. And of their Impenitency added unto their Iniquities. And in the next Place you shall *receive* of her Plagues, *Death and Mourning and Famine*, &c. Rev. 18. 8. *And these shall drink of the Wine of the Wrath of God, which is poured out without Mixture into the Cup of his Indignation*, Rev. 14. 9, 10, 11, 12.

The Motives and Incouragements I shall propound to the People of God to Come out of Mystical-*Babylon*, and to *Seperate* from the Church of *Rome* are these, 1. You cannot come to *Sion*, until you come out of *Babylon*, Isa. 35. 10. *And the Ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with Songs, and everlasting joy upon their*

heads. 2. You cannot worſhip God in Spirit and Truth, unleſs you *firſt* ſeperate your ſelves from *falſe* Worſhip and Worſhipers, *John* 4. 22, 23, 24. *Ye worſhip ye know not what,——The true worſhipers ſhall worſhip the Father in Spirit and Truth.* 3. You cannot enjoy Communion with God, whilſt you hold a Communion with Idols, and Image-worſhipers 2 Cor. *6.* 14, 15, 16, 17. *What Communion hath Light with Darkneſs? And what agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols? Wherefore Come out from among them, and be ye Seperate, ſaith the Lord.*

Conſider whilſt you continue in *Babylon, (the Church of* Rome) you are under the Guidance of the Pope and Roman-Prieſts, who are ſo far from being *infallible* Guides, *(as they pretend)* that they are erroneous, falſe, and blind Leaders of the *blind* into Perdition; The Roman-Prieſts are thoſe *falſe Teachers, Seducers, Deceivers*; which were foretold by the Apoſtles of Chriſt, 2 *Pet.*2.1,2. and 2 *John* 7. and 2 *Tim.* 3. 13. and 1 *Tim.* 4. 1. and 1 *John* 2. 26. *Theſe things have I written unto you concerning them that Seduce you.* Therefore *look to your ſelves*, ſaith the Apoſtle, 2 *John* 8. verſ. *Beloved (ſaith he)* (a) *Believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits, whether they be of God, for many falſe Prophets are gone out into the World.* You may do well to *Conſider* alſo, what *Diverſities*, and *Diviſions* in *Principles, Opinions*, and *Practices* in Religion there are *at this Time*, in the World, *eſpecially* among Teachers, *falſe Teachers*, who privately bring in Damnable Hereſies: And many follow their *pernicious* ways, 2 *Pet.* 2. 1. 23. *By Reaſon of whom the WAY of TRUTH is evil ſpoken of.* Now God hath in great Mercy unto the Souls of his People out of the exceeding Riches of his free Grace, and marvelous loving Kindneſs towards them, *(That they might not be led away with the Error of the Wicked)*, appointed them a threefold Guide, which God hath *plainly* declared in the holy Scripture of Truth to direct, lead and guide his People in the WAY of TRUTH until they come to Heaven: *namely*, 1. His holy Spirit, 2. His

(a) 1 Epiſt. of Joh. 4.1,2.&c.

2. His written Word, and 3. his faithful Miniſters.

Firſt, God hath given his holy Spirit unto his People, *Gal.*4.6. To lead them, *Rom.*8.14. and guide them into all the Truth, *John* 16.13. and to Teach them all things, *John* 14.26. and 1 *John* 2.20,27. And *leaſt* his People ſhould be deceived, deluded, or ſeduced by *Satan*'s tranſforming himſelf into an *Angel* of Light, or by *falſe* Apoſtles, deceitful workers, (*who are his Miniſters*) tranſforming themſelves into the Miniſters of Chriſt, 2 *Cor.* 11. 13, 14, 15. God hath *Secondly* given his People a *Sure* Word, (*his written Word to Guide them*, Pſalm 43.3) 2 Pet. 1.14. Unto which, they do well, if they take heed, *as unto a Light, that ſhineth in a dark place*, &c. And thus God Councelled and Cautioned his People of old by his Prophet, *Iſa.*8.20. *To the Law, and to the Teſtimony; If they ſpeak not according to that Word, it is, becauſe there is no Light in them.* And the Apoſtle teſtifies, 2 *Tim.*3.15,16,17. *That all Scripture is given by Inſpiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, and for Inſtruction in Righteouſneſs*, &c. And *thirdly*, God hath alſo given his people able *Miniſters* of the *New*-Teſtament, not of the letter *only*, but of the *Spirit*, 2 Cor. 3.5,6. and Epheſ.4.11,12,13. *And he gave ſome Apoſtles, and ſome Prophets, and ſome Evangeliſts, and ſome Paſtors and Teachers, for the work of the Miniſtry*, &c. And God Set *them* in his Church, 1 *Cor.* 12.4,28. to be *Guides* unto his people, (*b*) *Heb.*13.7,17. *Remember your Guides*, ver.7. *Obey your Guides*, ver.17. *And ſubmit your ſelves, for they watch for your Souls, as they that muſt give account.* Will any godly wiſe Man or Woman judge in themſelves, that it is ſafe for them to forſake and refuſe this threefold *Sure* Guide of the Spirit, Word, and Miniſtery of Chriſt, *which God hath ordained*, and to give up the conduct of their Souls unto *the Church of Rome*, to be guided by her *Laws, Canons, Councels, Popes, Cardinals, Jeſuites*, and the reſt of the *Roman*-Clergy, *who are blind Guides*, and *Anti-Chriſtian* Miniſters: and ſo to hazard their own *eternal* Salvation? which *falſe* Teachers, and their *falſe* and damnable

Heb. 13,7,17. Μνημονεύετε τῶν ἡγουμένων ὑμῶν, Πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις &c.

Math.24.4,5, 11,23,24,25. 21. Act.20.29,30. 1 Tim.4.1,2,3. 2 Tim.4.3,4. 2 Pet.2.1,2,3. 1 Joh.4.1,2,3.

nable Errours, Doctrines, and Practices our blessed Saviour and his holy Apostles have forewarned us of in the Scripture of Truth.

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2. *A Call to the Kings of the Earth to hate the Whore, to make her Desolate, and to burn her with Fire.*

MY Warrant to give this Call to the Kings of the Earth is that Prophecy, *Rev.* 17. 16. *And the ten Horns, which thou sawest upon the* BEAST, *these shall hate the Whore, and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with Fire.* The ten Horns *are those ten Kings*, which had *formerly* agreed, *and given their Kingdom, Power, and Strength unto the Beast*, Rev. 17. 12, 13, 17. *until the Words of God shall be fulfilled.* These ten horns are the *European* Kings of *Italy*, *Spain*, *Germany*, *France*, *England*, &c. who have *formerly* submitted themselves and their Kingdoms unto the BEAST (*the Popes of Rome*) and to the Church of *Rome* (*that great Whore and Mother of Harlots*) As was *here* fore-*Propheſyed*, and as all *Historians* have testified. But it is the *Revealed* Will of *God recorded* in the *Scripture* of Truth, That the ten Horns shall hate the *Whore*, &c. And upon this *Scripture*-Ground I take this *humble* boldness to give this *CALL* unto the *Kings* of the *European* World *to hate the Whore*, &c. And the *Reasons*, which I shall *humbly Propose* to them are these, *viz.* 1. *Because* it is the Revealed Will of God that they should *so do* (*in* this *very* Scripture, *Rev.* 17. 16,) and *They shall do so.* 2. *Because*, the great Whore (*the Church of Rome*) hath given her *golden* Cup, full of *Abomination* and *filthiness* of her *Fornication*, into the Hands of the *Kings* of the Earth, and caused them to drink, and they and the Inhabitants of the Earth

Earth have been made drunk with the Wine of HER Fornication, *Rev.*17.1.2,4. 3. *Because* SHE (*the Church of Rome*) hath Raigned over the Kings of the Earth, *Rev.* 17.18. Deposing Emperours, and Kings; putting down one, and setting up another, *at the Pope's Pleasure* (who is HER Head, *Lord*, and Law-giver) *as hath been proved, pag.*3.10,11. *of this Treatise:* and appears (*a*) 4. *Because* SHE hath shed the blood of the Prophets, Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus, *Rev.*16,6,7. and 17.6. and 18. 24. *Therefore Reward her even as she Rewarded you; and double to her double, according to her Work*, Rev.18.1,2,3, 5 6,7,8,20,21--24. And of all the Nations in *Europe*, no Kings, or Kingdoms have more just Cause to hate, and to be Avenged on *Mysterie, Babylon the great, the Mother of Harlots, that great WHORE*, the Church of *Rome*, and her Head the Pope, *that BEAST*, and the *Roman*-Priests, *the false Prophet*, than this our Nation, King, and Kingdom; If his Royal Majestie, and his *great* Council Assembled in Parliament *seriously* consider all the Papists *former* Plots and *Conspiracies* against the Kings and Kingdom of *England*; but most *especially* this late bloody traiterous design of Popish Recusants, *even this damnable and Hellish Plot* (*b*) contrived and still carrying on by them to Assassinate the King, to subvert the Government, and to Root out the Protestant Religion, and all the Protestants in *England.*

All which I most humbly submit to the Wisdom of the King's Majestie and his great Council when Assembled in Parliament, for whom I daily pray.

(a) *Century* 8. Pope *Zachary* deposed *Childerick* King of *France. Gregory* the 7th, deposed *Henry* the *fourth*, *Cent.*11. Pope *Sylvester* the *third* Excommunicated *Henry* the fifth, *Cent.* 12. Pope *Innocent* the 4th, deposed the Emperour *Frederick* 2d. *Century*, 13. Pope *Gregory* the 2d, deposed the Emperour *Leo Isaurus*, because he was against Images. *Baron Annal, ad annum* 730. Num. 5. and *ad annum* 593 Num. 86. and Tom. 8. *ad An. Christi*, 593. Num. 86. *Non modo deponi, sed etiam excommunicari, & in æterno examine damnari Decrevit. Damnatio & Excommunicatio* Hen. 8. by Pope *Paul* the 3d. *&* *Elizabetha.* by Pope *Pius* the 5th. The Title fixed to the Pope's Bulls. (b) The Votes of the House of Commons approved by the Lords in a Conference, *Novemb.*1. 1678.

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